

“CAPTURING YOUR IMAGINATION”

Matthew 5:27-30

Main Idea: Lust is adultery in God’s eyes and is so serious that we ought to do whatever it takes to keep from lusting, even if it means going to extreme measures.

Clarifying “You shall not commit adultery” (27-28)

The traditional understanding (“You have heard that it was said...”)

Why God gave this law

To uphold the sanctity of marriage

To protect the mystical union of *one flesh*

The intended meaning (“Lust is adultery”)

Clues from the grammar

The present tense of “looks at”

An infinitive with the preposition “pros”

Meaning of the word

Overcoming mental adultery (29-30)

Jesus’ use of hyperbole (exaggeration)

The meaning and application

Lust is serious enough to go to hell

Lust is so serious that a person should do whatever it takes to keep from lusting